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SUBJECT: SOVIETS COMPLAIN ABOUT LISTENING DEVICES

1. KORNIYENKO READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO ME WHEN I CALLED ON HIM, AT HIS REQUEST, THIS MORNING:

2. BEGIN TEXT THE MINISTRY OF FORIEGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING TO THE EMBASSY OF THE THE U.S.A. RECENTLY INCIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN WHICH SPECIAL LISTENING DEVICES WERE DISCOVERED IN THE PROPERTIES OF THE COMMERCIAL MISSION OF THE USSR IN WASHINGTON, AND ALSO IN THE BUILDING OF THE USSR CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE PRESENCE OF THESE DEVICES UNDENIABLY INDICATES THAT AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES ARE CONTINUING ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST SOVIET ESTABLISHMENT AND CITIZENS OF THE USSR IN THE U.S. A. INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE COURSE OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN DIRECTING THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY TO THESE ILLEGAL ACTIONS, THE MINISTRY EXPECTS THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO STOP THEM AND PREVENT THEM IN THE FUTURE. END TEXT.

3. I RESPONDED THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER BUT WOULD TAKE NOTE OF IT AND REPORT IT TO WASHINGTON. I
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CANNOT ACCEPT THE FACT, I SAID, THAT OUR SERVICES ARE

CARRYING ON SUCH ACTIVITIES.

4. KORNIYENKO REPLIED THAT THESE ARE FACTS. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAD DRAWN OUR ATTENTION TO THE PLACING OF SUCH DEVICES IN THE CONSULATE GENRAL IN SAN FRANCISCO A WHILE AGO BUT THAT AFTERWARD OTHER INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE HAD OCCURRED.

5. SIMILAR INCIDENTS HAVE ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN OUR EMBASSY AND IN OTHER U.S. OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, I RESPONDED. "THOSE ARE ALLEGATIONS RATHER THAN FACTS." KORNIYENKO RETORTED LAUGHINGLY. THESE ARE INDEED FACTS, I SAID. I ENDED THIS SEGMENT OF OUR CONVERSATION BY REITERATING THAT WE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THIS SOVIET STATEMENT AND REPORT IT TO WASHINGTON.
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